

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A vertical ~~[[cargo]]~~ lifting device for cargo transportation comprising hydraulic lifting assemblies (1), a fixture (2), a relatively thin and generally rectangular lifting platform (3) having enforcement beams (4) located at each of a first pair of opposed sides, wherein the lifting platform (3) is connected to the fixture (2) via the hydraulic lifting assemblies (1), ~~[[in which]]~~ one end of each of the hydraulic lifting assemblies (1) is secured to the fixture (2) and the other end of each of the hydraulic lifting assemblies (1) is secured to the corresponding enforcement beam (4), and the connection points of each hydraulic lifting assembly to the lifting platform are located on the respective one of the first pair of opposed sides. and the lifting platform (3) is provided with enforcement beams (4) at its two sides while the other end of each of the hydraulic lifting assemblies (1) is secured to the corresponding enforcement beam (4).